

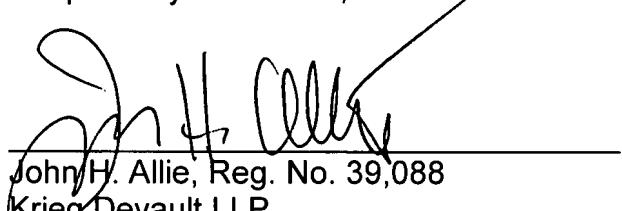
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 15, 17-22, 28, 29 and 46-53 and the indication that claims 5-7, 10-12, 34, 35 and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5 - 8, 10, 26, 30, 31 34 and 40 have been amended and claims 1, 27, 41, 54 and 55 have been cancelled. Objected to dependent claims 5-7, 10 and 34 have been rewritten in independent form. Further, objected to dependent claim 41 has been incorporated in independent claim 40.

Further examination and passage of the application to a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



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